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## DEMONSTRATE ON MAY FIRST!

### 238,000 Unite In Pacific Coast Anti-War Meet

GENERAL STRIKE AGREED  
AS WEAPON TO STOP  
WAR, FASCISM

292 Organizations  
PLANS CALL FOR SETTING  
UP COMMITTEES IN  
ALL CITIES

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—  
A General Strike to answer war

This proposal was cheered enthusiastically by the four hundred and five delegates from 292 organizations representing 238,000 persons who joined hands in the greatest United Front demonstration ever seen on the Pacific Coast last Saturday and Sunday when the first Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism was held in the Building Trades Council at San Francisco.

Plans were adopted for future action, including the setting up of regional headquarters and permanent committees at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle and Denver. And within two weeks City Committees are to be formed in all main cities to broaden the work, particularly in unions and shops.

But the big event of the Congress was not its size nor the quality of its delegates, who included ministers, trades unionists from 37 A. F. L. and ten independent unions, unemployed, Mexicans, Negroes, Chinese, Filipinos.

### Davis, S. F. Relief Tsar Is Ousted

CAMPAIGN FOR REMOVAL  
BEGUN BY WESTERN  
WORKERS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—  
Paul H. Davis, local relief Tsar and puppet of Hearst in a series of anti-Communist attacks on S.F. workers, is out of office today.

But he will not apply for a S.F. relief order himself, for the main point in forcing his resignation is the exposure of his grafting in selling of wood from S.F. Forest projects, to private individuals. His responsibility in this is unquestioned. The wood was cut for free distribution to the unemployed.

The forced resignation campaign began by the Western Worker several months ago against this relief dictator who used every means, however small and evasive, to cut unemployed off relief. The workers on S.F. responded and at meetings and at the demonstration March 4 five hundred jobless demonstrated against a relief cut of 20 per cent marched to his office demanding his removal. Davis, however, decided to be elsewhere at the time. The relief cut was halted, but he found new means to cut workers off relief entirely.

Then, to cover up his activities of which the S.F. Forest graft is one example he launched into an alliance with Hearst's Examiner to carry a series of attacks on workers on S.F. jobs, at the Presidio and elsewhere. Many men were, and still are, fired on the excuse of being agitators. The entire smoke screen of anti-Communist hysteria fitted into the schemes in Sacramento where anti-Communist bills were being introduced. All but one have been beaten by the state-wide protest of the workers and in San Francisco Davis himself is now out, a result of the campaign against him and the exposure of his racketeering.

WAR BUDGETS GROWING  
IN MAD SCRAMBLE  
FOR POWER

U.S. In Vanguard  
GERMANY SCRAPS TREATY,  
JAPAN PLANS EASTERN  
EMPIRE

UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, April 29.—  
The race to prepare for war finds the United States in the vanguard. The continuously increasing war budget will be the largest in the peace time history.

The army program calls for spending \$400,000,000 in the next year, and increasing the army from less than 120,000 to 165,000. The \$465,000,000 naval budget allows the building of 24 new warships and 555 naval seaplanes. In addition the CCC will be doubled to 600,000 youths, living in camps under military supervision, and ready to begin training for war at a minutes' notice. New airplane and submarine bases will be formed, and existing ones strengthened, in Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

GERMANY

BERLIN, April 28.—Germany has scrapped the Versailles Treaty, armament limitations, instituted universal conscription, and begun an intensive propaganda campaign for a Central European Empire which is to include the Soviet Ukraine. The latest war move is the open declaration that a fleet of 12 submarines of 250 tons each is to be built. Under the Versailles Treaty, possession of submarines by Germany was absolutely forbidden.

JAPAN

TOKYO, April 29.—The Japanese budget allows over a billion yen for war purposes, which is over half the budget total. As the latest move in its war came the Dutch tanker Juno was seized near Formosa on the alleged claim that it was engaged in espionage. Holland has some of the richest colonies in the East, in the Dutch East Indies which Japan has coveted for some time.

ITALY

ROME, April 29.—Duce, having called out the class of 1911 to colors, and started the steady movement of troops to Africa in anticipation of the conquest of Ethiopia, recently dedicated Italy's new "aeronautical city," which is being built in an effort to make Italy supreme in the air.

FRANCE

PARIS, April 29.—France has already started to increase the term of service in answer to the German war threat. 100,000 men of the class of 1914 were recently conscripted, and forces already under arms have begun war maneuvers in sight of the German border in France's chain of supposedly impregnable iron and concrete forts.

### 600 At "Front" Street Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—More than 600 maritime workers attended the first waterfront street meeting since the strike last year, held near the I.L.A. dispatching hall on Clay street here at 7 o'clock this morning.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the United Front May Day Conference. Speakers called upon the workers to down tools May 1 and to take part in the May Day march and demonstration.

### MILITANTS MAP FIGHT AT I.L.A. DISTRICT MEET

MARITIME FEDERATION IS  
ESTABLISHED DESPITE  
ATTACKS OF FAKERS

Labor Party Scuttled  
LONGSHORE CONVENTION  
TO OPEN AT PORTLAND  
NEXT WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—  
The next step in the fight to build the rank and file control of maritime unions on the Pacific Coast will be made at the District Convention of the International Longshoremen's Association, to be held at Portland, Oregon, the second week in May.

The West Coast Maritime Federation, comprising five maritime unions and representing approximately 35,000 workers was formed at the Seattle convention last week. The formation of the Federation was a big step forward in the struggle to unite maritime workers into one organization.

"Dirty" Deal, the high mogul and rank labor faker now at the head of the Ferryboatmen's Union, was thrown out of the Federation, his credentials refused and his sellout record so thoroughly exposed that even the Paddy Morris clique was afraid to coiffe to his rescue. Deal is another of Paul Scharrenberg's "faithfuls".

\* Labor Party Dumped

Although the reactionary clique, headed by Paddy Morris, present secretary of the District I.L.A., succeeded in dumping the Labor Party resolution and gained some control of the top machinery of the Federation, closer bonds of friendship were welded between the seamen and longshoremen militants, who were forced to fight shoulder to shoulder to prevent the labor skates from gaining complete control of the organization.

The fight to get complete rank and file control of the Maritime Federation will be waged in the local councils to be set up in all the major ports of the Pacific Coast. Most of the reactionaries lost prestige in their efforts to hamstring the Federation. With all their hypocrisy and lies, they could not prevent the militant delegates from forcing action in

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### Furniture Workers Picket L. A. Plant

MAY 1 STRIKE MAY TIE  
UP INDUSTRY IN 18  
PLANTS

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—  
Collective bargaining elections in 18 factories, scheduled for next Tuesday, have been cancelled. This followed disagreement between unionists and the Los Angeles Furniture Manufacturers' Association.

The Morris Furniture Company, 4433 So. Alameda street, is idle and workers are picketing the plants.

A strike throughout the industry in Los Angeles is anticipated for May Day, unless unforeseen developments take place. Dr. Towne Nylander of the Regional Labor Board admitted that "the manufacturers have withdrawn their consent to the elections and there is nothing we can do to stop a strike."

At least 1000 men will be involved in the strike, affecting the 18 plants. In 14 other plants, involving 1800 workers, the strike may be held in abeyance.

The union has as one of its principal demands a scale of 75 cents an hour for skilled and 50 cents an hour for unskilled labor.

### The Present Status of The C. S. PRISONERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 29.—The eight working-class organizers convicted of conspiracy to commit Criminal Syndicalism and sentenced to one to fourteen years, have all been transferred to the penitentiary. The girls, Caroline Decker, Lorine Norman and Nora Conklin were moved to the Women's State Prison at Tehachapi, about fifty miles up in the mountains outside Bakersfield, on last Friday.

The men, Pat Chambers, Al Hougardy, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane and Norman Mini, were transferred to San Quentin on Saturday.

It is estimated that the hearing on their appeal will not be granted before eight months. Meanwhile, their freedom will depend upon the strength and earnestness of the mass pressure rallied behind the appeal movement. The International Labor Defense is conducting the appeal for all prisoners. At least \$10,000 will be needed to carry on this campaign. Funds should be sent to the I. L. D. office, 1005 Market street, Room 410, San Francisco.

The case against Defendant A. G. Ford has been dismissed for lack of evidence. Ford took sick during the long trial and had to be transferred to the hospital. Judge Lemmon ordered his case continued, rather than delay the trial for all.

Note: In our last issue it was erroneously reported that \$10,000 would be required for the transcript of the trial. This is not a fact. Our reporter should have said the \$10,000 was needed for the campaign and court fees. Transcript is furnished without charge by the court.)

### Tanker Strike Will Be Backed By Coast Marine Federation

PERKINS BOARD HELPLESS  
WHEN COMPANIES DENY  
UNION RECOGNITION

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.  
San Francisco local of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, meeting here last night, voted to accept the present constitution of the West Coast Maritime Federation with 5 cent assessments to start as of April.

The Sailors also voted demanding the resignation of Carter, business agent of the Portland Sailors Union, for his part in attempting to sabotage formation of the Federation. The sum of \$100 was voted for the defense of the workers held in a Modesto jail framed on charges of having participated in a "dynamite plot."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—  
While the oil companies consistently refused to grant union recognition to seamen and other maritime workers involved in the tanker strike, Harry Lundberg, newly elected president of the Maritime Federation declared that the Federation "favors immediate action even to the extent of calling a general strike vote."

Joseph E. Myers and E. P. Marsh, two more so-called "crack" federal mediators have been ordered here to try a hand at "settling" the strike. The Perkins Mediation board has admitted its inability to end the walk-out and is waiting word from Washington, D. C., before taking further action.

Oil companies insist they will rehire seamen only as jobs become available and flatly refuse to grant any satisfactory measure of union recognition. Meanwhile, because labor fakers here and at other ports refuse to organize militant picketing, the companies have been running tankers with scab crews.

Seamen here last week voted to revive the picket lines and passed a resolution to the effect no more men would be allowed to ship out without the regular picket stamps. Many of the original tanker seamen already had re-shipped on deep water boats, unwittingly playing into the hands of the Paul Scharrenberg clique that called the strike over the heads of the rank and file union members.

### Two Anti-Labor Bills Lose Out; One Is Approved

COMMUNIST DELEGATES  
REFUSED HEARING AT  
SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO, April 30.—  
Only one bill of the sheath of eight or nine anti-Communist bills has reached the floor of the State Assembly.

With the Judiciary Chambers jammed with around 200 people come to protest the three anti-labor bills to be voted on, with a pile of some 300 to 400 protest telegrams lying on the committee table, and faced with a militant delegation of the Communist Party and another from the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism, the Committee last night voted down A. B. 107 and A. B. 108.

A. B. 106, however, passed by a vote of 13 to 5. This bill calls for immediate firing of any teacher adjudged to have been teaching Communism in schools, and refuses use of school buildings to the Communist Party.

To defeat this bill on the Assembly floor, all workers and organizations are urged immediately to send their protests to their assemblymen, at the State Capitol. This must be done at once as the vote will come within a few days.

With a previous decision to bar all protest, Chairman Lyon, Redwine, Martin and others of the sponsors of the bills were all set to railroad them right through. They had counted noses in advance and refused to move until their votes were all there, although Committee member Hornblower called for the vote as soon as a quorum was present.

\* Oust Communist Speakers.

When the bills came up the three representatives of the Communist Party, Walter Lambert, Emmett Kirby and Archie Brown, demanded that discussion be reopened and they be given the floor. In the jammed chambers the sergeants-at-arms under orders to immediately throw them out had some difficulty in maneuvering through the workers and first one then the other of the delegates took and kept the floor to protest against this gag ruling which allowed the sponsors a campaign of lies for these vigilante fascist bills but refused the workers a chance to reply. The nature and reason of these bills were thoroughly exposed.

When they were finally ejected from the Chambers, Sonia Balm from the delegation of sixty from the American League Against War and Fascism spoke denouncing (Continued on Page 4, Col. 7.)

### Stockton Striker Murdered; To Be Buried May Day

STOCKTON, Calif., April 30.—Ray Morency, striking warehouseman shot in cold blood on the street here Sunday by Charles Gray, son of a trucking company owner, will be buried May First, the day of international proletarian solidarity.

Plans for a huge funeral demonstration to be participated in by all local unions and other workers' organizations were being made today.

Meanwhile, the killer was in jail here facing a murder charge. Even police were forced to admit his plea of self-defense is sheer fakery since Morency was unarmed when fired upon, by Gray.

More than 300 warehousemen, members of the International Longshoremen's Association, had been on strike here for more than two weeks, demanding increased pay and better working conditions. The strike has been under arbitration for several days before the Federal Regional Labor Board in San Francisco.

### Fourteen Held In Gallup As 27 Are Freed

NATION-WIDE PROTESTS  
FLOOD SANTA FE ON  
FRAME-UP

10 Held For Murder  
4 HELD WITHOUT BAIL  
FIVE OTHERS FOR  
DEPORTATION

SANTA FE, New Mexico, Apr. 27.—The mass protest of workers already taking on nation-wide dimensions, has snatched from the shadow of the gallows twenty-seven of the Gallup defendants who were charged with first degree murder.

At the preliminary hearing Wednesday, these twenty-seven were freed and returned to Gallup, the frame-up against them being too raw to stand in the light of the aroused working class which from all parts of the country is flooding Santa Fe with protests.

The attempt of the mine operators to crush labor, however, is being continued, and fourteen defendants were held, ten on the murder charges and four more on charges of aiding and abetting Exequio Navarro to escape custody. This latter charge is also pending against the ten facing murder charges.

Four of the defendants are held without bail—Manuel Avila, Juan Ochoa, Augustine Calvillo and Leonardo Velasco.

Six, Joe Bartol, Gregorio Correa, Victorio Correa, Rafael Gomez, Willie Gonzales and Serafio Sosa—are held on \$7,500 each and the four facing aiding and abetting charges are held on \$500 cash each.

The charges arise out of an unprovoked attack with guns and tear gas that Sheriff Carmichael, Sheriff Roberts and a gang of deputies made on a crowd of workers who had come to see the outcome of charges of Navarro, arrested on order of Senator Vogel for fighting the Senator's order of eviction from his home. During the shooting Sheriff Carmichael was killed by his own men. It is for this death—not that of two workers who were murdered also by the deputies at the time—that the ten are now held in death cells in the state penitentiary. Navarro escaped in the excitement and is still free.

No sooner were the twenty-seven released than Federal deportation warrants appeared against two of them, Dototie Andrade and Basilio Gutierrez, and they were rearrested. This makes five who are held.

### Demonstrations And Marches In Western Cities

SCORES OF ORGANIZATIONS  
TO BACK LOS ANGELES  
MAY FIRST MEET

A.F.L. Locals Included  
LOUISE TODD TO SPEAK  
FOR C. P. AT EVENING  
DEMONSTRATION

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—  
The United Front May Day demonstration in Los Angeles will begin in the Plaza, Sunset and Main, at 12 noon. Speakers representing the principal participating organizations will address the workers. Various Epic, Utopian and Church groups, many Public Works and Unemployed Leagues.

SERA Unions, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the Young Pioneers, the Communist Party, Painters Local 1348, International Ladies Garment Workers Local 96 and Bakers Local 37 are some of the scores of organizations who will take part in the May Day demonstration, or who have acted on May Day in fraternal conferences.

The evening May Day Celebration will be held in Mason Opera House, 127 So. Broadway, at 7:30 p. m. Louise Todd, Section Organizer of the Communist Party will be the principal speaker in the evening. Comrade Todd is at present free on bail pending her appeal on a frame-up charge of perjury brought against her when petitions putting the Communist Party on the state ballot were filed last year.

Preparations for the local May Day March and demonstration are complete, with thousands of workers of all organizations, races and political beliefs prepared to turn out to demand an end to the threat of war and fascism, for a decent living standard for unconditional pardon for Tom Mooney, and freedom of the eight C. S. victims.

Trucks and autos throughout the various sections of the city will bring workers to the mobilization on the Embarcadero. Caravans of workers from cities about the Bay area are scheduled to arrive in San Francisco tonight and May Day morning to participate in the San Francisco celebration.

OAKLAND PARK MEET

OAKLAND, April 30.—The back-passing maneuvers of the Oakland City Council and Police Department has prevented the issuance of a permit for a workers' May Day parade; so there will be a mass meeting in Jefferson Park, corner of Grove and Eleventh, at 2 p. m., following which there will be an indoor rally and banquet at the Danish Hall at 3 p. m.

The City Council, in its meeting April 25, neither refused nor granted a permit to the representatives of the United Front May Day Committee; instead referring the workers back to the police, who had refused a previous application.

SAN DIEGO

April 30.—A mighty United Front of workers from Seattle to San Diego will go into action May Day to march and celebrate their International Labor Day. Sacramento workers will hold the first march since the vigilante raids of last summer; Portland workers have forced the city council to grant a parade permit to the "unemployed" after it was refused to the May Day Committee. San Francisco's United Front forced a parade permit for Market street; Los Angeles workers will demonstrate in the Plaza, regardless of police efforts to handicap them by barring loud speakers.

### 2000 At Oakland Mooney Meeting

OAKLAND, April 28.—With a record attendance of over 2000 the United Front Free Tom Mooney mass meeting in the Civic Auditorium Theater today was a tremendous success. A broad campaign of publicity over the radio including announcements on the East Bay Labor Council's regular program, with thousands of leaflets rallied one of the largest labor turn-outs in recent years in Oakland.

S. F. MAY DAY MARCH UP  
MARKET ST. WILL BE  
UNITED FRONT

Union Band To Lead  
OAKLAND DEMONSTRATION  
IN PARK AS PARADE  
PERMIT DENIED

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—  
The United Front May Day Committee has engaged a union band for the Market street parade from the Embarcadero, and for the demonstration in the Civic Center. As a token to labor unity the Musician's Union has donated five dollars to the May Day Committee.

San Francisco workers will mobilize on the Embarcadero at 11:00 a. m., Wednesday morning, May 1, and the parade will begin promptly at 12 noon. They will proceed up Market street to Marshall Square in the Civic Center, where the demonstration will take place.

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DREAMLAND RINK RALLY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—  
The May 1st Dreamland Rink Rally will open at 8 p. m., with no other workers' meetings scheduled for the same time, so that San Francisco workers can attend the mass rally against the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Held under the auspices of the State Conference for United Action Against the C. S. Act, the Dreamland mass meet will feature Wm. Moseley Jones of the State Legislature, George Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, Sam Darcy of the Communist Party, Paul Richie, Epic and Labor Assemblyman, Leo Gallagher, Celeste Strack, Ben Legere of the San Francisco Council Democratic Party and Harry Collenz, one of the acquitted Sacramento defendants, as speakers.

Admission is 10c; unemployed 1 cent.

MAY DAY PAY  
Party members should remember that if they find themselves unable to leave their jobs for the May Day Celebrations they are obliged to donate that one day's pay to the Party.  
Party sympathizers are urged to do the same, as part of their duty to their class. Sympathizers who decide to donate their May Day pay to the Party should send their tribute to the District Headquarters at 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

### Chinese Students To Train For War

NANKING, China, April 29.—  
Chiang Kai Shek's latest move in arming China is to require every high school and college student to take a year's intensive military training, with the idea of building up a powerful reserve force. Over 100,000 are to be trained each year.



## Board of Education Refuses Student Re-instatement

BERNICE GALLAGHER IS DENIED RIGHTS AS PRICE OF RETURN

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—Expulsion of Bernice Gallagher from John Marshall High School by the Board of Education was characterized by Miss Gallagher, 37-year old senior anti-war leader, as the board's "initiation of a Fascist conspiracy to suppress Americanism, free speech and assembly."

Miss Gallagher was active in distributing anti-war literature and holding anti-war meetings. For these activities she was expelled. There is a possibility of a court battle to gain readmittance. In the meantime, she said, a mass protest against the board decision is being organized.

The board agreed to reinstate her if she would sign a promise to abide by the school regulations. This she agreed to do, provided such school regulations did not conflict with her constitutional rights.

The statement that she presented to the school board, and which they refused to consider, said: "I am ready at all times as a student of the Los Angeles city schools to obey all rules and regulations, only understanding at the same time that any of my actions in conformity with my rights as a United States citizen shall not render me subject to disqualification or removal from such schools."

"In view of the statement made at the Board of Education Thursday night by a board member, to the effect that rules and regulations of the city schools do not conflict with the Constitution, I feel that the above statement fulfills your request for an unequivocal statement."

Opposing her statement was William H. Henry, board member, an avowed liberal, endorsed by the Epics and former national secretary of the Socialist Party of America.

"My expulsion," the girl declared, "is merely the beginning of a fight to give the schools back to the people to make them an institution of, by and for the people."

## 1500 Out In Wash. Lumber Men Strike

MILITANCY GAINING AS WORKERS PLAN FOR MAY 6 WALKOUT

LONGVIEW, Wash., April 29.—At least 1500 lumber workers already are on strike here and a general walkout of the entire Northwest lumber industry has been called for May 6 by the Northwest Council of the Sawmill and Timber Workers Union. More than 75,000 will be involved.

The demands to be given the employers include hiring through union halls, wage increases and a shorter work week. Employers have indicated they will not grant the demands and are attempting to force the American Federation of Labor to force the workers into arbitration and a calling off of the strike.

Many A. F. of L. locals in the lumber industry already have voted in favor of the May 6 strike and others are balloting this week. Rank and file sentiment is strong for the walkout.

## Epic News Won't Print May Day Ad

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—In spite of the fact that thousands of Epic workers will participate in the United Front Demonstration at the Plaza here at Noon, May 1, the Epic News, which claims to be the official organ of the Epic workers has refused to accept a paid advertisement from the Los Angeles Conference for a United Front May Day.

"We don't publish trash," an unidentified official of the Epic News told the worker who offered the advertisement.

At the same time, the Utopian News also refused a similar offer for a paid advertisement from the May Day Conference.

Utopians as well as Epic workers are doing their part however to make May Day a success here, despite the refusal of the newspaper heads to cooperate.

**Jack McDonald's BOOK STORE**  
Latest Books On Russia  
Also books and pamphlets for students of Communism.  
65 Sixth St., San Francisco

## Bernice Gallagher



Expelled from L. A. high school for anti-war activities, she refused re-admittance till she signs a statement that she will take part in no more struggles.

## Newsreel Forces Put On War Footing By Major Companies

HOLLYWOOD, April 26.—The propaganda arm of the war machine is now being prepared for its part in the next great conflict which threatens the world, as is shown by announcements of newsreel companies that they are all prepared to get pictures immediately, no matter where hostilities break out.

A. K. Richards, editor of a large newsreel organization, and one-time Federal film administrator during the last war, announced that additional camera forces have been sent to all European countries. And besides the camera cameramen in Lithuania, Poland, Greece, Turkey, and other small countries where outbreak of war seems likely, have been lined up with the American companies to cover the propaganda needs of the American War-Security Government the minute the fighting begins.

Veritable camera armies are stationed in the major European countries, prepared for duty at a moment's notice.

The importance of the film in spreading propaganda is shown by the fact that hundreds of thousands of dollars have thus been expended to cover every phase of a possible outbreak of war.

## New Hitler Ban Suppresses All But Nazi Press

EDICT TRIES TO STOP SOURCES OF ANTI-NAZI ATTACKS

BERLIN, April 25.—The most drastic recent move in Hitler's war on the working class and other anti-fascists were passed today by Nazi officials.

All newspapers still existing on a religious or racial basis are to be banned, according to a new edict signed by Max Amann, president of the Reich press chamber. This means the suppression of the Catholic and Jewish church organs, both of which have used their columns to resist Hitler's attack to crush them. In these papers have appeared many articles scoring Hitler's terrorist attacks on the working class organizations, as well as middle class individuals.

According to the new law, the Nazi official organs will be the only ones not subject to Hitler's censorship or suppression. Those papers which might continue to exist will only be allowed to do so on the basis of complete adherence to Nazi ideas and dictatorship.

Members of the board of directors of such as may exist must take such positions, be able to prove their Aryan ancestry back to the year 1800, while the books of the concerned must be open to Nazi inspection at all times.

The stringency of this latter is because the anti-fascist movement has continuously used the first attacks on the Communist Party, the "respectable" printing plants for doing a part of their work. The workers therein did in part or in whole, the various jobs required by the Party after all the open Communist publishing plants were seized, and the results has been a flood of Communist literature which the Nazis have been unable to suppress by watching the borders. An increasing amount of literature attacking Hitler's war plans has been coming from these sources lately.

## \* Building Army

The move proceeds the furthering of Hitler's war preparations, the latest of which is making ready for publication the compulsory army service provisions in their challenge answer to the League of Nations ultimatum.

This conscription is in addition to the present fighting of the Storm Troop units into the army, while their "leaders" are being given training as army officers.

Against this is the background of intensive production in the factories turning out munitions, armaments and other war equipment.

## True Facts Of Struggle

*Negro troops refused to fire on striking negro railway workers, the strike was won.*



The FRENCH Imperialists have used the old "divide and rule" method in their African colonies very cleverly. They force laborers from one tribe to work under conditions that amount to slavery, while troops of another tribe, under white officers, are used to police them. But the Negroes are learning solidarity, regardless of cultural and language differences, and the victorious strike pictured above is an example.

—TO BREAK a strike on the old Central Pacific Railways (now the Southern Pacific) in 1894, 1,000 California Militiamen (now National Guardsmen) were sent to Sacramento. When ordered to fire on the strikers the troops flatly refused to obey orders—and finally marched away from the field.

## Holland Workers Elect Communist

PARTY MEMBER SEATED IN NETHERLANDS PARLIAMENT

THE HAGUE, April 21.—For the first time in the history of the Netherlands the workers have succeeded to elect a Communist to the upper House of Parliament. The Government Party secured 57.5 per cent of the 3,320,000 votes cast in eleven provinces, compared with 64.9 per cent last year. The Catholics obtained 23 per cent and lost 5 per cent of their seats. The Labor Party got 21.3 per cent, about the same as last year. The National Socialist Party received 8 per cent.

## "Failure Of Strike" Reason Given For Disregarding 7A

CHARLESTOWN, S. C., April 29.—The Textile Relations Board has invented a novel reason for refusing to reinstate strikers who are discharged in violation of clause 7A of the NRA. The Board said that "Complainant's strike was unsuccessful, and for that reason it is not incumbent upon the employer to reinstate the strikers to their former positions."

This doctrine that you must carry out a successful strike to be protected under the NRA was applied in the decision on the Nine Six Cotton Mill Case, when the Board refused to reinstate textile strikers laid off last fall.

## Socialists Get Long Sentences

LEADERS OF AUSTRIAN DEFENSE CORPS CONVICTED

VIENNA, April 18.—After being held in jail for almost two years waiting trial, twenty-one Socialists, officers in the Socialist Republican Defense Corps, were sentenced to long prison terms and one was acquitted. The longest sentence given was eighteen years to Major Alexander Eifler, organizer of the corps.

All were returned to jail, including the acquitted and many whose sentences were already covered by the time they spent in prison waiting trial. As political suspects, the Austrian police may hold them or send them to concentration camps without charging them with anything or bringing them to trial.

The defendants were arrested prior to the clash between Socialist and Fascist forces in 1933. They are obliged to pay the cost of the trial, which means confiscation of what little property they possess.

## Lynchers Filibuster In Fight On Federal Anti-Lynching Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—Finding it absolutely impossible to offer any permanent what ever against the proposed Wagner-Costigan bill to make lynching a federal crime, Senators from the Southern States prepare for a filibuster to prevent the measure coming to a vote. They hope to be able to keep up a continuous flow of talk, for weeks, if necessary, to prevent proponents of the bill bringing it to a vote.

Before the present move began, various Southern Senators had made impassioned orations against the anti-lynching bill, trying to prove that "lynching is necessary for the protection of Southern White Womanhood." When it was shown that lynchings are used against Negro women, children, and labor leaders where no charge of rape could logically be made, the southern bosses prepared this latest attempt to deprive them of their greatest weapon against the Negro people.

The filibuster may be prevented by Senator Costigan's motion to take up the anti-lynching bill, which, according to the rules of procedure, must be disposed of either by vote or by tabling.

## PAUPERS' OATH, SCAB AGENCIES PLANNED FOR L. A. UNEMPLOYED

More Than 13 Per Cent Of Population Now On Relief In South; Campaign Against "Chiselers" Launched

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—Using the campaign to eliminate alleged "chiselers" from relief rolls, the Los Angeles Citizens' Relief Administration is using every possible minor pretext in its attempt to slash relief costs by firing thousands of workers.

Latest available statistics, released in the State Relief Administration Bulletin for February, show that 340,026 resident persons in Los Angeles were on relief rolls in February. This represents 13.7 per cent of the total population of the county.

## \* Paupers' Oath.

Behind a fanfare of publicity conducted in the capitalist newspapers here directed against the so-called "chiselers," the SERRA officials are conducting the general public to accept other proposals which include: 1. A sort of paupers' oath which unemployed workers must sign, declaring they have no other means of support, no property, equities or personal property of any kind. 2. The opening of a series of employment offices throughout the county, the staffs of which will scout the county for available

jobs of any sort—jobs which the workers will be forced to accept under penalty of being removed from relief rolls.

The paupers' oath paves the way for disfranchisement, since there now is pending in Sacramento a bill which would take the vote away from all workers on relief.

## \* Scab Herding.

The employment offices, it is plan to see, would become veritable scab herding agencies—a convenient source of strikebreakers for employers in this section. The SERRA already has adopted the rule that any worker refusing a job in private industry which pays the equivalent of SERRA wages, will be dismissed from relief rolls.

The Public Works and Unemployed League is calling a huge mass meeting soon after the May 1 demonstration for the purpose of protesting the latest rulings of the relief officialdom. The workers will go in a body to the office of Roy Pilling, LACRA head, to demand the rescinding of the new rules. All unemployed workers are urged to stand by for the mobilization call which is to be sent out soon.

## Can You Answer These Questions?

(Answers will be found on Page 6)

1. Can you define and explain the following words and expressions?
2. Agenda?
3. Agit-Prop?
4. Bourgeoisie? Petty-Bourgeoisie?
5. Sectarianism?
6. Opportunism?

## Naval Mutiny Play To Be Given In L. A. Theater

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—"Sailors of Canton," by Friedrich Wolf, which opens at the Musset Theatre, Pico and Figueroa Streets, May 7th, will give a special evening performance for the Los Angeles Workers' Club on Sunday, May 12.

All party members, sympathizers and readers of the Western Worker are urged to see the show on the night of May 12th. All net proceeds go to the Los Angeles Workers' Club, which aids financially in supporting our Party.

## District Training School to Open

ORGANIZATION, THEORY

CLASSES TO BEGIN

ON MAY 15

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The District Training School, which will open in San Francisco on May 15 is to train comrades for leading roles in the revolutionary movement.

All Communist Party members should send in the qualifications for their candidates by May 10th. Units should elect immediately two candidates. Checkup sheets are being sent throughout the district for the units to fill in. Also all units should send in their quota of \$100 for the expenses of the school by May 10th.

Affairs should be arranged to raise funds by the larger sections, such as L.A., Oakland, and San Francisco. Smaller affairs, such as house parties, should be given by the smaller sections. \$700 is needed to put the school over the top.

## Party Recommends How To Vote On Election, May 2nd

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—The Communist Party makes the following recommendations for voting in the special city election called here for May 2:

Amendment 1—Vote Yes. A slight check on increasing power rates.

Amendment 2—Vote Yes. Extends possibilities of workers using referendum.

Amendment 3—Vote Yes. Supports symphony orchestra.

Amendment 4—Vote Yes. Breaks monopoly of big newspapers in official advertising.

Amendment 5—Vote Yes. Pensions to dependents of police killed on duty.

Amendment 6—Disregard.

Amendment 7—Vote Yes. Empowers board of supervisors to investigate departments when complaint is filed.

Above all, VOTE YES on the resolution calling for two-man cars.



## East of the Rockies

### Harlem Urban Leaguer "Backs Down"

NEW YORK, April 30.—James H. Hubert, executive secretary of the Harlem branch of the Urban League was forced to "eat his words" at a public hearing of Mayor LaGuardia's committee investigating causes of the March 19 outbreak in Harlem. When the Workers National Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827, was brought into the discussion Mr. Hubert said, "I do not endorse the bill because of certain objectionable provisions in it." When asked what the objectionable features were he could not answer until he was given a copy of the bill. When he had read the bill there was a long silence, until workers in the audience shouted: "What's the matter with the bill?" Hubert lamely replied that the bill was very fine and that everybody should endorse it.

### Appointments Won For Negro Doctors

New York, April 30.—Five Negro physicians were appointed to the staff of the new General Hospital in Queens borough by Dr. S. S. Goldwater, white, hospital commissioner. The appointments are a direct result of the city-wide mass campaign of the Queens Committee on Equal Opportunities. In announcing the appointments Dr. Goldwater unwittingly substantiated the charges of the committee on the Jim Crow actions of the city administration. He stated that the "Department of Hospitals, in making such appointments, is taking a departing, such appointments in the past being limited only to Harlem Hospitals."

### May Day Conference Leaders Arrested

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 30.—An attempt to obstruct the preparations for labor's May Day demonstrations was seen here by many in the arrest of Sam Dukes, leader of the unemployed, and Alfred Wachenknecht, white. The police seized the two leaders at the May Day Conference held here recently. Trapped charges of "grand larceny" were lodged against them. Protest delegations of Negro and white workers effected the release of Dukes and Wachenknecht under bond. The two leaders freedom under bond was an unprecedented thing here, for arrested labor leaders are usually held for court before bail is set. The victory has given added impetus for a gigantic May Day demonstration.

### Steel Workers Strike In Solidarity

MONROE, Mich., April 30.—1,800 workers of the Newton Steel Co. continue their strike here under the leadership of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. They struck in solidarity with 750 workers in the rolling mill after the company reduced the number of helpers and served notice that additional helpers would have to be paid out of the roller's wages. In July, 1933, the Newton steel workers struck, and after four days compelled the company to grant them a wage increase.

### Silk Workers Vote 24 Hr. May Day Strike

PATERSON, New Jersey, April 30.—A membership meeting of the American Federation of Silk Workers have voted unanimously for a general silk strike, and amended the proposal of their national officials to place control of the strike in the hands of elected representatives. Necessary preparations are completed for a May First 24 hour strike to enforce union conditions in the silk shops.

### Scottsboro Ruling Cited In Jersey Case

ELIZABETH, N. J., April 30.—The Scottsboro victory figured in a local case when Attorney Frank Cohn asked dismissal of manslaughter charges against Amos Carr, Philadelphia Negro worker, on the grounds that Negroes were excluded from the panel from which a jury is to be drawn. The Union County jury commissioner admitted in Quarter Sessions that no Negroes have been called for jury service in the county during the past 20 years.

## L. A. Red Squad Is Part of National Force - Shaw

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS SPONSOR OF RED SQUAD THUGS

LOS ANGELES, April 25.—That the federal government is directly linked up with the Los Angeles "red squad" was the open admission made yesterday by Mayor Frank P. Shaw.

This came out when a delegation, headed by Robert Noble, radio speaker, called upon Shaw to ask that the red squad be abolished, following the clubbing of two college students in the recent anti-war strike.

Mayor Shaw told them he could not disband the red squad because the federal government had requested it throughout the country to maintain these intelligence units to keep a check on Communists.

The mayor told the delegation that his investigation of the alleged clubbing of two L. A. J. C. cords "failed to produce any evidence of police violence." This in the face of photographic evidence to the contrary. One photo was run in the Western Worker and at least one Los Angeles newspaper—not interested in the anti-war strike—carried a photograph showing the actual clubbing.

### Government Aids N. R. A. Violators

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The national recovery board accused the Senate Munitions Committee of breaking up negotiations for the settlement of the strike at the Colt Firearms Co. strike. Government contracts for making machine guns were awarded the Colt Co., in spite of the fact that it had refused to negotiate with the union representing its employees.

## Jobless Will Be Asked to Repair Houses For Rent

### NEW ROOSEVELT LAW WILL RELIEVE THE RICH OF DEPRESSION WOES

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Latest move to utilize America's vast army of unemployed as regimented slave labor working for a bare subsistence minimum, is the provision in President Roosevelt's 4800 million dollar works-relief law calling for manual labor from persons on relief to pay for their rent.

Building, remodeling and repair work will be established as a permanent department of work relief. In exchange for these services, landlords who have idle buildings on their hands, will provide shelter. Thus a burden of expense is removed from the shoulders of the wealthy property owners, in addition to which they get their real estate put back in shape against practically no cost, after the serious depreciation brought by long depression.

Paul H. Davis, San Francisco County relief director has announced that the relief committee will begin considering plans for utilizing this method as a means of solving the relief rent problem.

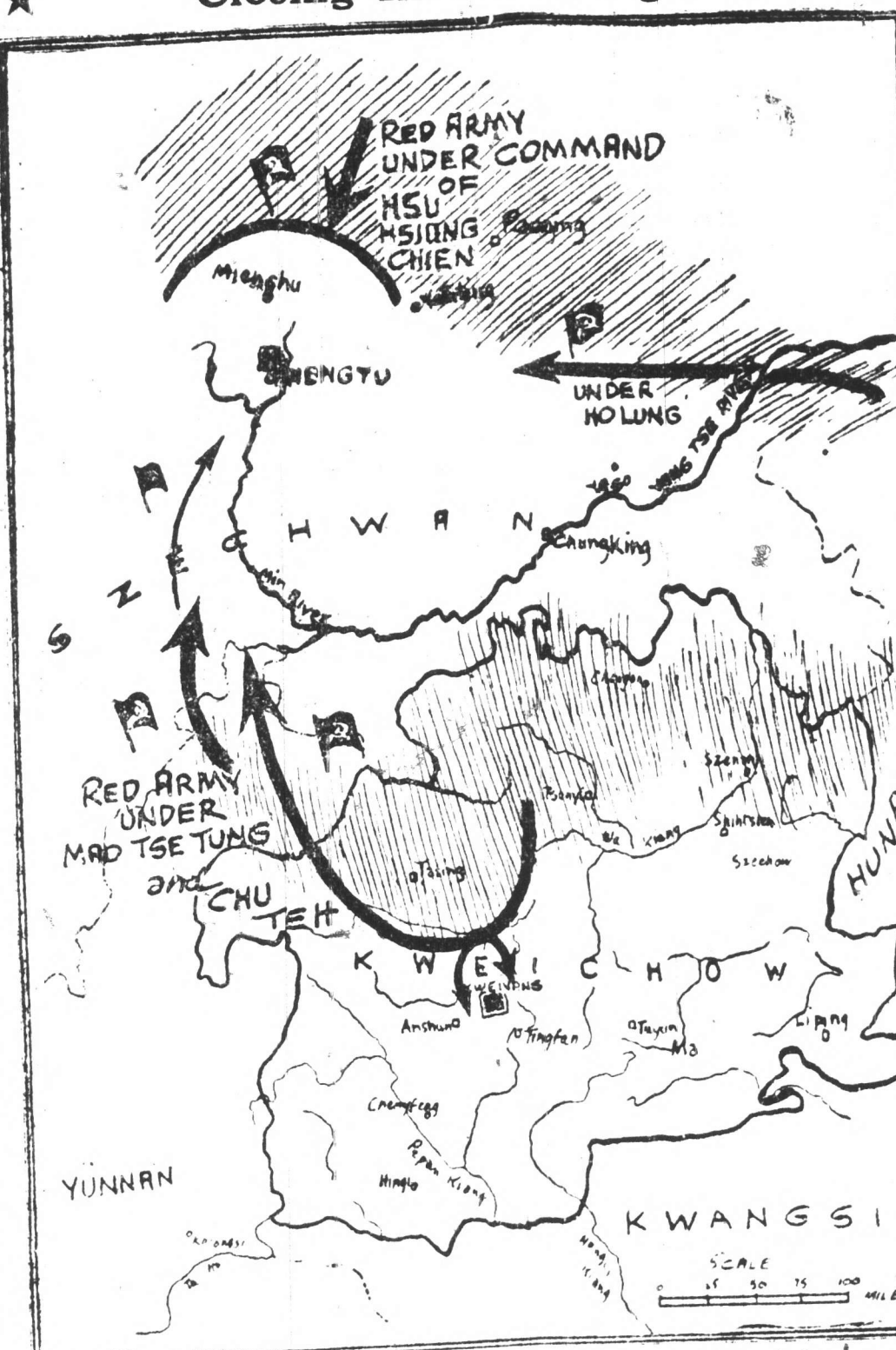
It is announced that the division of work relief under the new law will be: 40 per cent of the workers assigned to public property jobs; 25 per cent to housing; 10 per cent to production and distribution of goods for the needy unemployed; 10 per cent to public welfare, health and recreation; and 10 per cent to education, art and research work.

### Radio Priest Starts First Unit Of New Fascist Movement

DETROIT, April 29.—Father Connelley, Reverend American Fascist, has officially launched his "National Union for Social Justice" with a myriad of slogans for government "reform," for farm relief, for abolition of plutocracy in the government etc. His first Michigan Unit is officially under way with a campaign to smash communism, to build his organization in Chicago, New York and Philadelphia.

With a wild appeal to "follow him" Connelley is promising the laborers, the farmer, the small business man, the small taxpayers

## Closing In On Chengtu



From three sides the Red Armies of China, indicated by arrows, are bringing 120,000 troops to meet in the capital of Szechwan and fly the Red Flag from its buildings. Shaded areas show captured territory and direction of march.

### I. L. D. Section In May Day Parade

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—All I. L. D. members and sympathizers are urged to form into the special I. L. D. section of the May Day Parade at the Embarcadero, at 11:30 a. m. Special banners and placards will be arranged for by the District Office.

"Freedom for the Eight Sacramento C. S. Victims," "Release of Moore, Scottsboro Boys, J. B. McNamara and All-Class War Prisoners!" "Free Ernst Thaelmann and All Anti-Fascist Fighters!" "Defend Workers' Rights of Free Speech, Assemblage, Etc."

etc., that they shall have what they want if they unite on his platform.

Informed observers were impressed with the similarity between much of Connelley's program and Hitler's predilection promises.

## Toledo Chevrolet Strikers Reject Compromise Offer

### FIRM WOULD GRANT TINY WAGE RAISE BUT NOT UNION RECOGNITION

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 29.—Offers by the company of a meager 5.4 per cent wage increase were flatly rejected by striking workers at the Chevrolet Motor Company plant here this week.

The strikers, more than 2,000 in number are demanding recognition of their union, elimination of the speed-up and a 70 cents per hour wage rate. They are members of the Federal Auto Workers Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The Chevrolet Motor Company is a subsidiary of the powerful General Motors Corporation, headed by the labor-hating George P. Sloan.

## Eviction Threat Menaces 2500 In Hooverville

### WORKERS WILL FIGHT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE THEM OUT

SACRAMENTO, April 29.—Attempt to evict the whole of Sacramento's 2,500 jobless and part time workers living in the big Hooverville along the river flats is threatened by County Executive Chas. Deterding in a new move.

Deterding proposes the wholesale eviction under the cloak of disease prevention of this colony of workers, the biggest Hooverville in the West and a sore spot with the politicians of the capital, being now a menace to the health of the city.

Since the recent overflowing of the river, a large part of the Hooverville is under water, and the graft ridden sewage disposal system has resulted in sewage now floating on the surface of the river. Deterding's claim is that this constitutes a menace to the city, as many of the children living in these huts go to the public schools.

Proposals for needed vaccination against any epidemic are brought forward, but the vaccine is still held up with red tape. Proposals for federal housing to replace the tin, driftwood and cardboard shacks and huts with decent homes for the unemployed are still, as they have been, for a long time, in the red tape jungles. The workers, however, are determined not to give up the homes they built themselves, and for which they pay a rental fee to the Merchants National Bank, the Southern Pacific Co., or Edwina Pfund and E. B. and Helen Bishop, unless they are given better homes. The proposed housing project would not even care for a small part of the 2,500 people.

### Two Seamen Indicted In Portland Frameup

PORTLAND, April 25.—William Moore, member of the Seamen's union strike committee and Marcus Weisbarth, seamen's union dispatcher, were indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury for participation in a riot and assault and battery. They were alleged to have gotten into a fight in Spring's Cafe, 5625 Northwest St. Helens road. Bail was set at \$2,500 for the riot charge and \$1,000 for the assault charge each.

## Foreign News Briefs

### Fascists Condemn Spanish Revolutionary

OVIEDO, Spain, April 30.—Marcelino Fernandez Torres, one of the leaders of the October fight against fascism in Spain, was sentenced to death by court martial here. He was charged with the murder of a priest during the Oviedo fighting. Mass pressure of Spanish workers and workers throughout the world has forced the government to pardon Gonzales Pena, and Menendez, who have been sentenced to death. About one hundred workers are now awaiting the firing squads; among them many Communist heroes of the Asturian struggle.

### Kidnapped Anti-Fascist To Be Beheaded

BASEL, Switzerland, April 30.—Berthold Jacob, the anti-fascist journalist kidnapped by Nazi agents in Switzerland, is already condemned to death according to a telegram from Berlin. Protests of the Swiss government against the Nazi's brazen act in kidnapping a man from Switzerland, and the demand that he be returned safely were contemptuously refused by the Hitler government.

### Soviet Jumper Makes Leap With Wings

MOSCOW, April 30.—Georgi Schmidt, famous parachute jumper, today made the first airplane jump with wings in the Soviet Union and the third in the world. The jump and the landing were perfectly executed. The wings, designed by the young Soviet engineer, Smirnov, have aluminum "legs" attached to their extremities so that the parachutist may free his hands at any moment, unlike the American system of wings.

### Tia Juna Light Rates Forced Down

TIA JUANA, Mexico, April 30.—The victory of a two-months consumers' strike against the Frontier Light and Power Company has just been celebrated by turning on all lights in town. The militant consumers' strike forced the company to yield completely, since the small business men joined the workers in a complete boycott and used no electricity for two months.

### Mm. Sun Yat-Sen Greets Writers Congress

NEW YORK, April 30.—In a message of greetings to the American Writers Congress, now in session here, Madame Sun Yat-Sen, leader of the Chinese anti-imperialist front, calls upon American intellectuals to redouble their efforts for the defense of the Chinese people against invasion and fascism. She wrote: "In the name of the Armed Self-Defense Association of the Chinese people, I send you sincere greetings and assure you of our deepest interest and hopes for this momentous conference of American Writers. Momentous, because the intellectuals are definitely allying themselves with the broad masses of the world to fight against war, and fascism, the weapons and means whereby a few greedy monsters attempt to subject the vast majority of mankind."

### Soviet Armenia Builds Power Plants

ERIVAN, Armenia, U. S. S. R., April 30.—Hydroelectric power stations using the overflow from Sevan Lake, which is 6,000 feet above sea level, are under construction under the Soviet Union's Second Five Year Plan. The stations will provide 800,000 horsepower for Armenia's new and modern industrial plants.

### Nazis, Poles, Form Anti-Soviet Front

LONDON, April 30.—Formation of a secret military agreement between Polish and German fascism against the Soviet Union has been confirmed by the reactionary Rothermere press. Poland agrees to allow free passage to German troops on their way through Poland's east and northeastern territory (i. e. to the Soviet Union) and to cede the Polish Corridor to Germany in exchange for parts of Lithuania, including Memel, and part of the Baltic provinces.

## Emma Cutler Freed After 6 Mo. In Jail

### SAYS ILL FOOD KEPT HER FROM STARVING ON EL CENTRO JAIL FARE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Emma Cutler, arrested on a charge of vagrancy in Imperial Valley during the lettuce strike of January, 1934, and held a class war prisoner in the El Centro jail since January 23, 1935, was released at the termination of her six-months sentence last Tuesday.

She will be one of the speakers at the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism to be held here Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Arrested as soon as she entered the Imperial Valley, she was charged with that section of the vagrancy laws referring to "persons roaming about the country with no particular means of livelihood." The case was appealed in the Superior Court but the appeal was denied and she served three months of her sentence. Later the case was taken to the Appellate Court on a writ of habeas corpus which also was denied. She then was forced to return to the El Centro jail.

"Had it not been for the food sent me by the International Labor Defense," she declared yesterday, "I would have started to death on the stuff handed me by the jailers." Apparently Comrade Cutler is in good health although she says she feels "pretty shaky." During the lettuce strike this year she was thrown into solitary confinement by the fascist Imperial officials who feared "she was directing the strike." When the strikers were thrown in jail with her they told her, "It's Okeh with us that you're a Red. We want to help you. We're not smart enough to be Reds yet but we will be some day."

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## World Events and Western Workers

# May Day Brings Soviet China's Greatest Fight

By Emmett Kirby

## Illegal Demonstrations In All Major Cities of China Will Back Fight of Red Armies In Szechwan—Workers of America Must Raise Their Voices May 1 In Their Support

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### \* Losses Small.

"The whole thing happens so suddenly and is over so quickly that before the police have a chance to bring their full force into action, the crowd has already dispersed and scattered. Arrests are naturally made, but considering the circumstances, the losses are small. The police attempt to prevent the demonstration have been defeated by the determination and ingenuity of the workers. The success of the demonstration will be the chief topic of whispered conversation among the workers and students for days to come, and a great stimulus to intensify their activities for the revolution.

"This is the way Chinese workers and their friends have been celebrating May Day for the past few years. In 1925, at the beginning of the last revolutionary wave, May Day was declared by the then revolutionary Canton government to be a legal holiday. From 1925 to 1927, May Day was

celebrated throughout south and central China in large parades and with great enthusiasm by the masses. After Chiang Kai Shek's betrayal of the revolution in 1927, May Day celebrations as well as other genuine labor mass manifestations were driven underground. But the workers found their method of celebration. May Day despite the terror. It is expected that with even more in security and greater class and class termination, May Day will be celebrated this year in China.

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### \* Capture Two Armies.

Driven down from the north under General Hsu-Hsiang-Chien one army is rapidly approaching the capital of this province of 70,000,000 people. Over a front from twenty to forty miles wide, this Red Army battered down any resistance of the Kuo Min Tang garrisons, capturing town after town, forcing surrender of two entire KMT armies. With its approach the peasants, led by men and women experienced from the recent anti-tax fight, are building up groups of peasants to join with the 40,000 fully equipped men under Comrade Hsu Hsiang-Chien. Workers in the towns and cities aided in their capture by organizing sentiment, already bitter against their exploiters, to welcome the Red Army as saviors and help their advance.

### \* Ho Lung From the East.

Driving in from the east is the army led by one of the most colorful generals of all time—Comrade Ho Lung, leader of the miners of Hunan, who when the great wave of Kuo Min Tang reaction beat back the revolutionary movement in 1927, refused, with his men, to return to the mines. They established themselves in the country-side among the sympathetic peasants and united under his command great partisan groups. Every rifle, every machine gun they have as trophies captured from the enemy, and so today American and British rifles are now in the hands of workers.

Greeting this army as it smashes in on the eastern sector toward Chengtu are hundreds of miners from the salt mines and coal mines of Szechwan, coming out of their pits to join the ranks of fellow miners who are now one of the toughest and most resourceful of all the Red Armies. Its number at present is not authoritatively known here, beyond the fact that it exceeds 10,000. This is probably too conservative a figure by at least half.

### \* Up From the South

Up from the south, where they have walled the capital of Kweichow in with captured territory and raised the enthusiasm of the peasants and workers to such a pitch that this can not for the time at least, be much of a serious base for attack on Szechwan, the Red Armies, under Generals Chu Teh and Mao Tse-Tung are marching.

Their armies total 60,000 men, hardened in the 1,000-mile march from Kiangsi and the three weeks fighting in Kweichow. These are augmented by armed peasants and workers who have flocked to their banners, seeing under this leadership their chance for a free life at last in the land of their birth, Szechwan.

The advance of all three armies has been preceded by a wave of revolts against landlords and capitalists.

### \* The Kweichow Maneuvers.

While cities to the south of Kweichow—Anshun, Tingfan and others—were captured and surrounded this capital of Kweichow province, no attempt on Kweichow itself was made. The whole brilliant maneuver succeeded in its aim—it drew Chiang Kai Shek down from the north to protect his rear, and thus left northern Szechwan freely open to the advance of Hsu Hsiang-Chien and Ho Lung. And did they use it!

In the meantime victories to the south prevented Chiang Kai Shek even consolidating the forces he flew south to organize, and he had to flee north again—too late.

The victories in Kweichow and Yunnan have driven the Kuo Min Tang forces out of this area and a Red Army of 15,000 with this territory now open to their advance are consolidating their position and advancing toward Yunnan City, capital of the province.

Having protected the southern rear, the main Red Army goes north where it is now of the greatest military importance that the fullest strength possible be thrown into the attack on Chengtu. This city, the seat of capitalist government in Szechwan, is protected by a stone wall 100 feet high. To north and east lie high mountain ranges yet to be crossed. It must be attacked by armies weak in heavy artillery, and weak in planes.

### \* Revolt Within.

But on the other hand, great strength lies within those walls—the long exploited proletariat of Chengtu, who have been preparing for this moment of deliverance for

a long time. With the Red Armies at their gates, they will do all in their power to open the gates and help them to enter. Capitalist press reports tell of the mass arrests of workers (200 in one day) and openly admit the probability of revolution within the city walls.

### \* Big As San Francisco.

Chengtu is the most important city that the Red Armies have attempted. It is a city of nearly the size of San Francisco—a population of 600,000 compared to San Francisco's 634,394 (last census). It is the eighth largest city of China, being only slightly smaller than Hongkong, and three times the size of Hankow's 189,904.

Whether direct attack will be carried through at this time, or postponed for a time will be determined by factors which are not at present known at this distance. One point militating against it is the fact that at Chungking, 180 miles away and on the Yangtze river, are assembling American, British, and French gunboats, while Chiang Kai Shek having arriving at this port is now organizing the base of the imperialists. Bombing planes with American and Italian pilots are being massed. It is one thing to take a city; it is another thing to hold it. The correctness of the tactic of the Red Army of Hupeh, who were once within four miles of Hankow, but did not attack, is obvious. They could not have held the city.

The whole political basis for the military tactic of the Red Armies and the fight for a Soviet China through Soviet districts will be dealt with in detail in next issue.

But Chungking is, at present not so strong. Too much re-



## ANTI-WAR CONGRESS BUILDS SOLID FRONT OF OPPOSITION

(Continued From Page 1)

pinos, teachers, soldiers, national guardsmen, representatives of the Communist Party, Epic Clubs, Utopian Societies, Democratic county councils and seven Central Trades Union Councils, representing 189 A. F. L. locals. It lay in the universal enthusiasm for the idea that when the next war is about to be declared or when a Fascist dictator prepares his coup, a general strike must be the answer, a general strike against war and a Fascist dictatorship.

Every speaker stressed this weapon.

### \* Broad United Front.

The breadth of the United Front was emphasized by the chairmanships of the various sessions. Evan A. Wattles of the Democratic Union Labor Club of San Francisco, presided at the morning session. In the afternoon, Clarence Tobey of the Alameda Central Labor Council wielded the gavel. From New York came Waldo McNutt, general organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism to sound the keynote.

"A war is in the offing," he said. "A war is coming between the United States and Japan, because the Standard Oil Company must protect its investments in the Far East." Mr. McNutt will remain on the coast until May 15, strengthening the fight against war.

Leo Gallagher presented the names of the honorary members of the presiding committee, which includes Ernest Thibault, Tom Mooney, Mathias Rakosi, Henri Barbusse, Dr. Harry F. Ward, Maxim Litvinov, John Strachey, William Z. Foster, Miss Victor Berger, Mme. Sun Yat-sen, Angelo Herndon, Roscoe Holland and George Dunitz, working class heroes all.

There were delegates present from nearly every town and city of California, from San Pico and San Bernardino to the northernmost frontiers of the state. They fought against the anti-labor bill now pending in Sacramento, they urged the intensification of the struggle to free Mooney, to free the eight Central Labor Board prisoners of Sacramento, and to purge the lawbooks of the infamous Criminal Syndicalism law itself.

They endorsed the May Day demonstration and parade, which will be the next immediate rallying of workers against war and fascism, and endorsed the American Youth Congress on May 4 and 5, when the youth will lay plans for the same fight.

Protests were adopted demanding no U. S. intervention in Cuba, and in China and the recognition by the U. S. of the Central Chinese Soviet Republic.

Harry Bridges spoke on the

powerful Pacific Maritime Federation which has just been formed in Seattle, 35,000 strong, seamen, radiomen, longshoremen, everyone who works in the marine industry. Bridges told how this organization was fighting Fascism in the northwest, where a Fascist committee of 500 openly advocates Fascist terrorism and the enactment of laws abolishing trades unions.

### \* Solidarity of Armed Forces.

Dramatic was the appearance of Harry Smedley of the U. S. Army, just discharged for his sponsorship of a Free Thinkers Club among the soldiers in Hawaii. Smedley told of the disaffection in the army, of the class consciousness of the newly recruited soldiers and sailors, who have learned that the worker and the soldier are brothers of the same class.

Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Communist Party, sounded a grave note of warning. "Unite, forget basic differences, join hands and defeat this relapse into barbarism that is fascism and the horrors of another world war!" His plea won the greatest ovation of the Congress. Darcy urged the consolidation of all liberal, radical and revolutionary political movements under a joint ticket in the coming elections, a Labor Party ticket for which all workers, poor farmers, middle-class and intellectual progressives may unite to elect their candidates.

Delegate Shoemaker of the I. L. A., who headed the trades union commission of the Congress, told how the unions must be organized to defeat war and fascism, with especial reference to troops of munition factories, transportation, food supplies and the handling of war materials during a general strike.

A boycott of the Hearst press was decided upon by the members of the Congress and was cheerfully adopted, as was a proposed boycott of Nazi goods.

### Soviet Engineers Hurt In Accident

LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 29.—One Soviet engineer was seriously injured, and the driver of the car killed, in an accident near here. A fire blowout caused the crash. Two other Soviet engineers were only slightly hurt. They were part of an expedition to study production methods in the United States. In the past hundreds of similar groups have been sent to various capitalist countries, to keep the Soviet Union posted on the latest scientific and technical achievements.

## 1300 AT ANTI- WAR MEETING CHEER UNITY

BROADER UNITED FRONTS,  
WIDE LABOR PARTY  
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### Pledge Solidarity

S. F. WORKERS OVERFLOW  
TRADES TEMPLE AT  
EVENING MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Jamming the Building Trades Temple Auditorium to the doors, 1300 workers, farmers, students and professional workers last night gave a fitting climax to the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism which all day had filled that hall. Other hundreds eager to swell the mass meeting were turned away for lack of even standing room.

That the delegates and the other workers were filled with the desire to carry out the plan of the Congress for broadening the struggle against war and fascism was manifest in the wild applause which constantly interrupted the speakers.

When workers of five different races—Negro, Chinese, Japanese, white and Filipino—clasped hands on the stage and spoke a pledge not to fight each other in any imperialist war, the audience rose spontaneously and with raised fists repeated the pledge of solidarity themselves. Then a great ovation of cheering swept the hall and it was many minutes before the meeting could continue.

### \* Cheer Labor Party Proposal.

Other outbursts greeted the declaration of Lawrence Ross, speaking for the Communist Party, that the workers should unite in a labor party, based on the rank and file of the trade unions and other organizations and accepting a class struggle program, and the statement of Ben LeClerc, member of the Democratic County Council, that the Congress proved that a united front with the Communists brings results. Both urged the building of bigger and broader united fronts even than this one wherein 238,000 were represented.

The meeting, chairmanned by Rev. Herick Lane, was opened by Richard Riley, U. C. student who outlined the students' fight against war and fascism. Pointing out that last year 25,000 students struck against war, and that this year more than 200,000 did, he predicted that next year the figure would reach a million.

Assemblyman Paul Richie spoke next on the economic basis of imperialism. After stating that patriotism was not in shooting other workers, he pointed out that imperialism is not in shooting other workers, but in shooting other workers for better conditions for the working class, he drew great applause when he declared that only by a workers' and farmers' government could war be finally ended.

The New Trend Theater play "To End War," won hearty appreciation. To send a delegation of 100 to Sacramento, which had been voted by the Congress, to protest the present fascist bills in the Legislature, a collection was taken, which with donations made earlier in the day brought the total to exceed \$500.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Results of the Youth Congress, to be held May 4-5 at 68 Haight street, will be made known at a mass meeting Sunday night, at the Mission Turner Hall, 3541 Eighteenth street.

Main speaker of the evening will be George Wolff, president of the Painters and Sealers Local of the International Longshoremen's Association, which union has taken an active part in the preparation for the Congress.

Senator Culbert Olson has also been invited to speak.

Youth speakers from the various commissions have already been selected to report on the Congress in working out a program for the youth of Northern California.

Among the new affiliations for the Youth Congress are included the Sailors Union of the Pacific, Los Angeles Local, and the Fruit and Vegetable Packers' Union.

A mass meeting preliminary to the Youth Congress has been planned for Thursday evening in San Jose, with Waldo McNutt, national chairman of the continuations committee of the Youth Congress, as the main speaker.

The Youth Congress has been

officially endorsed by unanimous

vote at the Pacific Coast Congress

Against War held here last week-

end.

Calls may be obtained from the

headquarters of the Regional Con-

gress at 68 Haight street.

## SAM DARCY



### WHAT YOUR BOSS IS THINKING

The newspapers are filled with consoling assurances of improving business and returning "prosperity." They are also emphatic about the stability of "American Democracy" and the preservation of the so-called "American form of Government."

The newspapers are the voice of American employers. But do these employers really believe these things, or are they printed to deceive the working masses?

The following is re-printed from an editorial in the April issue of a magazine printed exclusively for capitalist executives:

"Editor Piper (of the Rotary Club—Ed.) told of attending a meeting of some sixty civic leaders interested in current problems. They were all men of affairs, men whose incomes were well in excess of \$10,000. Toward the end of the meeting, during a discussion of the question: 'Where is America headed?' the chairman put this question:

"How many of you men believe that the American Government in its present constitutional form is going to endure?"

"Eleven hands went up. Forty-nine remained down. Then the chairman asked another question:

"How many think we are heading into dictatorship—fascism, nazism, communism or what have you?"

"Forty-nine hands went up. Eleven remained down." Fascism is the ruthless dictatorship of the most reactionary and largest employers. Communism is the democratic dictatorship of the working masses. There is no question as to what kind of dictatorship this typical group of exploiting parasites was showing its hands for.

Your boss, for all his talk of "Americanism" is ready to kick everything "Americanism" is supposed to stand for into the waste basket and smash your union with an iron fist. He is preparing for fascism in the United States deliberately and methodically. And he intends to march this fascism in under the banner of "patriotism."

The only thing that can stop him is militant organization and United Front solidarity of all working class groups.

Anyone who opposes Fascism is called a Communist. Any plan to oppose Fascism is labeled Communist. Any action the working-class takes in its own interest is immediately recognized as Communism. All right then—let it be Communism. It's a struggle between the owning small minority and the working vast majority. You ought to know which side you are on.

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## Anti-War Students Reinstated In L. A.

ONE GETS JAIL OR FINE  
ON HAND-BILL CHARGE  
TWO DISMISSED

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—Five Los Angeles Junior College and one John Marshall high school student are back in school again, following suspension by the Los Angeles School Board for the students anti-war activities on April 12.

Margot Lamb, one of the junior college students reinstated, charged with distributing handbills on the college campus, was found guilty in Judge Arthur Crum's court and sentenced to 25 days in jail or a \$50 fine.

Trials of two Pasadena Junior college students arrested April 9 prior to the anti-war demonstration, charged with violation of an ordinance pertaining to posting bills, were discharged by court today. The court ruled the ordinance applied only to those "in the business" of erecting posters. The freed students are Margaret Haldeman and Marjorie Jones, who had been accused of posting signs on street poles announcing the April 12 strike.

The six Los Angeles students were reinstated only after they changed their original statement prepared at the demand of the board. The initial statement in effect said that they would abide the rules and regulations of the school board and schools, provided such rules and regulations "do not conflict with our constitutional rights."

The students, ill advised by their attorneys, agreed to drop this clause which was their only assurance of student rights.

### Relief Worker Dies Of Starvation; Some Are Forced To Steal

By An S.E.R.A. Worker

SAN DIEGO, April 28.—The mother of one of the S.E.R.A. workers on our project went to the hospital where she died after a few days of illness. Our superintendent gave us the sad news by collecting a few pennies for flowers. A woman died of starvation. A seamstress that works with me says, "We are doing out the bones of our own tails." But I tell her that is only because we are not organized.

I know another S.E.R.A. seamstress who asked her case worker for a mattress last winter. She had stolen an old bedstead and she wanted a spring and a mattress. Her case worker told her to go ahead and steal the spring too.

We wouldn't be treated like this by these people who think they are superior to us because we are poor, if we were all members of the same organization. We should organize.

### Navy Seaplanes Sent To Alaska

SEATTLE, April 29.—Twelve Navy seaplanes arrived here on way to Alaska, with a crew of fifteen officers and fifty men. They are flying under sealed instructions, but are believed to be investigating the practicability of forming air bases in Alaska within striking distance of Japan and Siberia.

## MARINE FED.

(Continued From Page 1)

backing the coast-wide tanker strike and the Northwest general strike of lumber workers to take place on May 6.

### \* Fakers Spread Lies

Reactionaries in the North have spread all kinds of malicious lies about the San Francisco longshoremen. Local delegates were confronted with these when they attended the Convention in Seattle and they will be forced to continue the fight at the I.L.A. District Convention.

The same Paddy Morris who led the attack upon the Federation will undoubtedly attempt to prevent the rank and filers from taking control of the District I-L.A. at the Portland meeting next week.

The hope of the rank and filers consists in the election of militant delegates and instructing these delegates to fight for honest leadership.

## Anti-Red Bills

(Continued From Page 1)

ing this gag rule, and when two burly sergeants-at-arms grabbed her the crowd of workers boomed and shouted "Leave her alone!" "Let her speak!" She was released.

### \* Beat 107.

Purple with inward rage, Lyon called for the vote on A. B. 106. It passed.

Then Rev. Herick Lane, another member of the Anti-War Congress delegation, called Lyon's attention to his earlier promise to read the Congress' protest. He complied and the committee members all ears as they heard the words of 405 delegates, 295 organizations, and 238,981 organized workers represented. The vote on the next bill—which is a strong addition to the Criminal Syndicalism laws—reflected the change. It was beaten 9 to 7.

The third bill, A. B. 108, which would turn every local constable, policeman, and sheriff's deputy into a local red squad, got a slight majority 9 to 8, but lacked the necessary eleven to pass in our committee. During the votes, Hornblower, who earlier sought to get the vote when their defeat was certain, absented himself and did not vote against them.

By the rules of the committee these bills, though defeated, remain on file and while it is the opinion of many that they are killed, the only thing which will prevent their being brought up for reconsideration and passed out at a favorable moment is a continuance of that pressure of the working class which so manifest in the chambers last night.

Write or wire your assemblyman, and to the Judiciary Committee protesting the bills. This flood must be kept up until the end of the session, two weeks hence.

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WESTERN WORKER, Saturday May 4, at 8:00 p. m., 1850 Fillmore St. Bring your friends. Dancing and good eats and entertainment. Auspices Unit 1, Fillmore Section.

## Oakland

OAKLAND MAY DAY CELEBRATION—Lay down your tools and come out to celebrate with the United Front, 3:00 p. m., Danish Hall, 161 Eleventh street will be the concentration point for a May Day mass meeting. The program will include speakers, banquets, entertainment, mass singing and dancing. BE THERE AND DEMONSTRATE!

THE ANNUAL WORKERS' PICNIC will be held May 12th at the Empros Builders Gardens Park, 81st Ave., South of East Fourteenth Street. A variety of contest games, skits and speeches will supply amusement for all. Featuring the picnic will be PRIZE DANCING. Delicious sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be served.

## Los Angeles

MAY 1—Huge Mass Meeting and Concert, Eve of May 1, Mason Opera House. Auspices Communist Party.

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WORKERS FORUM, 230 So. Spring St., Los Angeles. Sunday, May 5, at 8:00 p. m. Sue Adams, member Dist. Bureau, Denver, I. L. D. "The Gallup Frame-Up," by an eye witness at the trials.

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## MAY DAY GROWS STRONGER

Communists, Socialists and American Federation of Labor rank and file trade unionists in increasing numbers throughout California and the nation are uniting this year to build what promises to be one of the greatest united front May Day demonstrations in history of the American working class.

Socialist Party and American Federation of Labor workers are tiring of the attempts of their leaders to prevent them from uniting on class struggle issues. In view of the valuable lessons these workers have learned while fighting side by side with Communists on the picket lines, the misleaders have a harder job this year.

Workers this year, more than ever before, should join the demonstrations. There are many pressing issues demanding unity.

In California the tanker seamen have been out on strike for more than a month, demanding union recognition. The West Coast Maritime Federation, meeting for the first time at Seattle, has swung its united forces in back of the striking seamen. May Day is the day for all workers to demonstrate their solidarity with the strikers in their fight with the big oil companies.

## DEMAND UNION RECOGNITION FOR THE TANKER STRIKERS!

The Roosevelt New Deal Government, has passed its \$50-a-month relief measure which will become a wage-cutting instrument in the hands of Wall Street and the bosses. Millions of workers are to be cut off from all relief on one pretext or another. Faced with starvation, they will be offered tempting jobs as scabs for industrialists and farmers whose workers are on strike. Unity of action is needed here.

## DEMAND MORE RELIEF AND PASSAGE OF THE WORKERS' UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILLS, H. R. 2847, AND A. B. 791!

At least 60 workers have been killed for participation in strikes, unemployed demonstrations and the like since January 1, 1934. National Guard troops have been called out by a score of governors since Roosevelt came into office, to suppress workers' and farmers' struggles. Boss terror will grow unless we unite to stop it!

## DEMAND AN END TO BOSS CLASS TERROR!

And now the bosses of California propose to release Tom Mooney and Warren Billings from San Quentin without a pardon—with the stigma of a framed conviction hanging over them. Commutation of sentence will mean this for them.

The reactionary banks and rich landowners have railroaded eight workers to prison on framed charges of Criminal Syndicalism. We must free them and the thousands of class war prisoners all over the world.

## DEMAND UNCONDITIONAL PARDONS FOR MOONEY AND BILLINGS AND IMMEDIATE FREEDOM FOR THE SACRAMENTO EIGHT AND ALL OTHER CLASS WAR PRISONERS!

Down tools on May Day. If you are forced to work, donate the day's pay to the Communist Party. Take up collections in your shop or place of work and turn the money in to the Party. All funds to the workers' cause on May Day!

## DUST STORMS AND ECONOMICS

Dust storms are not uncontrollable mysteries of nature, as pretended by the capitalist press. They are caused by the drying of land taken out of cultivation. The wind picks up the loose dirt and carries it for hundreds of miles.

Dust storms were common in America before the nation's agriculture was developed. They are well known in all undeveloped regions especially where vegetation is sparse.

The only cure for them is cultivation of the soil or systematic plowing of grass or forests.

Dust storms on a small scale began in the mid-West shortly after the stock market crash in 1929. This was because farmers had already begun abandoning farms or cutting down acreage because there was no market for their produce. The dust storms occurred annually from then on, growing worse each year and always occurring around the month of May.

## PROBLEM IGNORED DESPITE WARNINGS

By 1933 they were a really serious menace and editorials on the subject began to appear in leading periodicals. Still no steps were taken by the government to meet the problem.

In 1934, the dust storms were reported as the most serious ever recorded. It was estimated over a half million tons of dirt were blown into the air and scattered over the Eastern States. Still no intelligent recognition of the problem by Washington. To the contrary, 40,000,000 acres were taken out of production by the A. A. A. program.

## PERHAPS WORSE DISASTER NEXT YEAR

As a consequence, the dust storms of this year reached the proportions of a major catastrophe. In view of the continued policies of the administration, we may look for still more serious results in 1936.

The capitalist system, in the course of its early development, changed America from a wilderness to fertile farm lands. In its present breakdown, we now see its disintegration from fertility to desert.

Unable to plan, the capitalist system is as helpless to cope with the forces of nature as it is with economic problems. Its efforts are not toward facing and solving these problems but toward preserving, at all costs, the system of private ownership and exploitation. Any plan that would meet the problems either of economics or concerning the preservation and development of resources, would, of necessity, make inroads on the capitalist system.

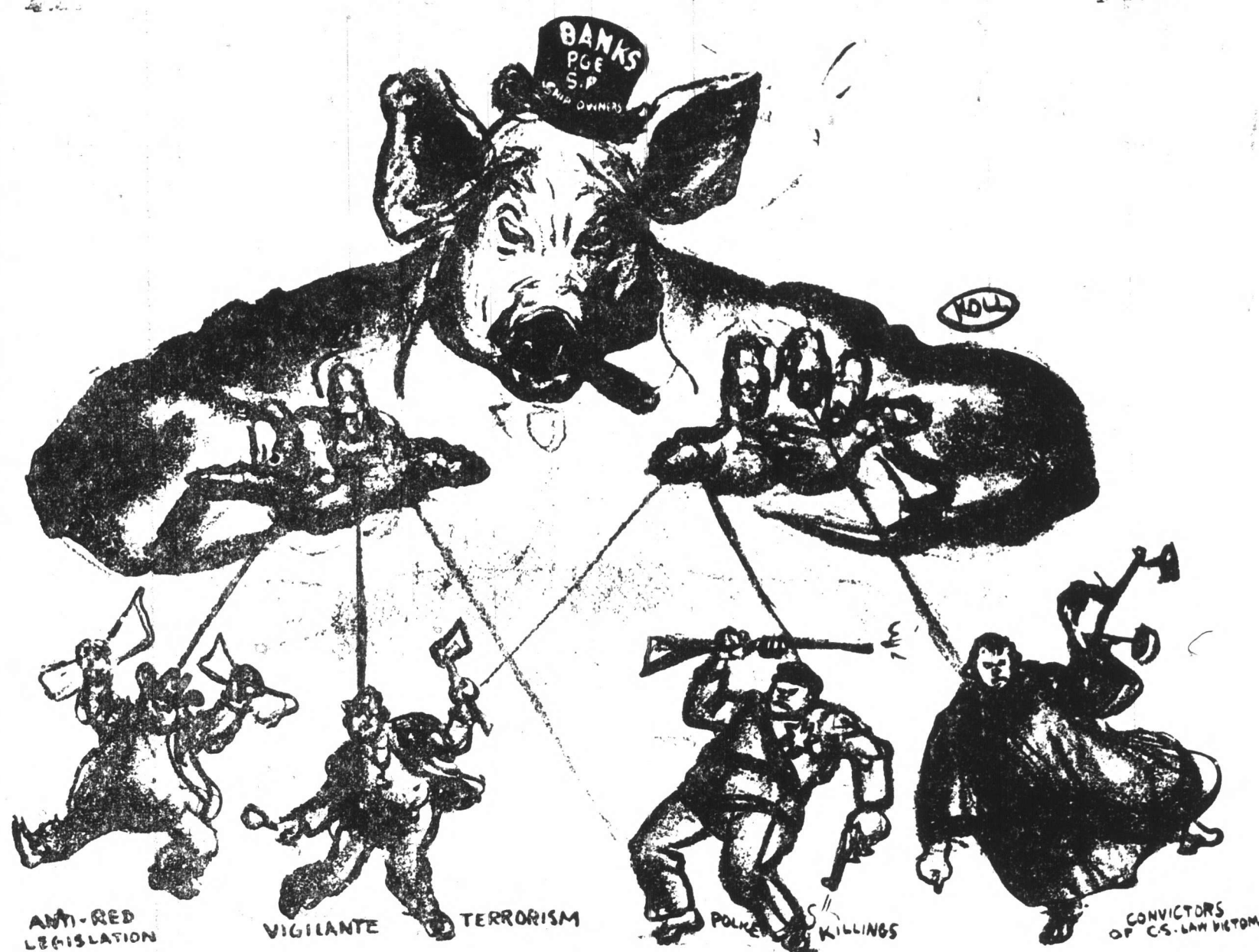
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## CARRY ON THE FIGHT!

## The Eight Sacramento Working Class Organizers railroaded to the penitentiary on fake Criminal Syndicalism charges send GREETINGS on May Day.

Friends, Comrades, Brother Trade Unionists:

We greet you today proudly from behind bars. We are proud because we are behind these bars for you, and for a noble cause.

We ask you to listen closely to what we say to you now, because for saying these things, and doing these deeds, we are in prison.

The contradictions of the capitalist system have sharpened with each year of the crisis. These contradictions mean riches and luxury for the few who exploit, poverty and misery for the many who produce. To protect their privileged position, the ruling class and their agents hysterically shout for "democracy," but at the same time seek to suppress every democratic right the people have.

This condition cannot exist for long. Human progress demands that the old system, which is rotten, be abolished; and the new system, which is better life for the many, be established.

Are there still those who believe that the exploiting class of 2 per cent that own 90 per cent of the wealth will relinquish without a struggle the wealth they have robbed? History and present world events should prove to you they will not.

World Capitalism, and American Capitalism, which is no different, has one way out to temporarily save Capitalism. That is Imperialist War—the rape and plunder by the stronger capitalist nations of the weaker nations and the USSR;—and Fascism—the naked rule of the club and brutal force.

These are simple but alarming truths. These truths are shaping our in the United States just as they did in Germany, and are now doing in every capitalist country. These truths are becoming facts in the lives of the vast majority of the population; and with the awakening of the people to these truths begins the desperate struggle of the ruling-class to trick us. From this day Wall Street pulls its Roosevelt and NRA's with their "government control of industry and labor."

This kind of democracy comes into bitter conflict with capitalism. The kind of democracy that protects the Hearsts, the Rockefellers, the House of Morgan and Wall Streets; the kind of democ-

From this bag comes its Coughlins with their "National Union for Social Justice," comes its Huey Long with their fake taxing the rich out of existence, its William Randolph Hearst, American Legion, D. A. R. with their "Americanism and Democracy." From this bag come political squabbles and factions, apologetic demagogues howling "share the wealth."

Each "plan," each scheme, each political faction froths at the mouth for the "down trodden." Each promises to throttle monopolies and trusts. Each examined in the light of day stinks with the stench of Hitler's Brown Shirts! At the bottom of this bag of Capitalist tricks is War and Fascism!

Let us not be fooled. All of these tricks are not in the interest of the people, they are the last breath of the dying system. Relief is cut, wages are cut, hours are staggered, strikes are smashed; the Wm. Greens and Matthew Wollis flirt with Wall Street for fascist government control of trade unions; workers are intimidated and jailed for vagrancy, for Criminal Syndicalism. Yes, maybe Fascism's entry will be a little different in this country. Maybe our "democratically" elected representatives will vote in fascism, step by step, in the form of can laws now before the Legislature. All in the name of "democracy."

Again let us not be fooled! What is democracy? Is it a mysterious abstract thing in itself? By no means. Democracy is that hardwon right to read, to write, to talk, to organize, to strike for what? For those things in themselves? By no means! The right to read, to write, to talk, to organize, to strike for a purpose—to constantly raise and better the living, working and cultural conditions of the majority of the people! That is the aim of democracy.

This kind of democracy comes into bitter conflict with capitalism. The kind of democracy that protects the Hearsts, the Rockefellers, the House of Morgan and Wall Streets; the kind of democ-

racy the Labor Fakery, political demagogues and American Legion howls for. Capitalist democracy!

These things we say to you are not what will happen in the future. They are happening now every day—they are the reasons why we are in prison.

We did not talk about an abstract democracy and a mythical "share the wealth." We used the democratic rights we are supposed to have. We organized the workers to get a little of that wealth in the form of decent relief and higher wages. That is why we are in prison.

We believe that soon the workers and poor farmers will know that our only real democracy lies in a Workers and Farmers Government, lies in a Soviet America, a classless society.

But such a government, such a decent world will not be given to us. Every relief cut we stop, every strike for higher wages we win, every victory in smashing fascist laws is a mighty step toward a better life. But only united action can accomplish these things.

"We don't want these people out on bail because they'll go 'stumpin' around the state," said the standard bearer of "democracy" prosecutor McAllister. But they cannot silence our voices, comrades, because each of you has a voice. But to be heard your voices must be raised in unity. In the words of Comrade Mrs. Victor Berger, widow of the militant Socialist, "We must have a united front now or we will have united fronts in the concentration camps."

We go to prison proud and with hope because we know you will carry on the fight for our freedom, for the freedom of Tom Mooney, for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys, for the freedom of Angelo Herndon, for the freedom of all political prisoners.

Long live May Day!

Long live the Communist Party! More power to the International Working Class!

Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism Prisoners:

Pat Chambers,  
Albert Hougardy,  
Caroline Decker,  
Lorine Norman,  
Nora Conklin,  
Martin Wilson,  
Jack Crane.

## American Student in Moscow

By Milton O'Rourke

This letter about events at the time of the assassination of Kirov is the seventh from a writer to a friend in California. O'Rourke, a former University of California student, is at present studying science and philosophy in the Soviet Union.

Moscow, December 6, 1934.  
Dear Comrade:

You know, of course, of the assassination of Kirov. Concerning the circumstances of the murder, you probably know as much as I or most of the people in Moscow. Owing to the fact that the circumstances and ramifications of the plot are still being investigated, none of the details have been published. It was a shock that brought the whole population of Moscow to its feet. While political assassination has become common in the rest of the world, during the last ten years, it has become so unusual here, where political power is in the hands of the masses, that the news of this incident was at first unbelievable.

## \* City in Mourning

The news got around in Mos-

cow on the evening of the first. The next morning the whole city was hung with black and red bunting and pictures of Kirov.

And on my way to the center of town I met several small armies of workmen marching with banners. On the fourth, when the body of Kirov was brought to Moscow, almost every principal street was filled with these marching men and women. I stood for a long time near the House of the Trades Unions where the body lay in state, and watched column after column pour from all directions into the square, answering with all their collective force this attack on working class power. Three deep they passed through the doors of the building until midnight of the fourth, and then again all the next day.

I moved along with them to-

ward the building, but at the very door I was turned back because I carried a briefcase. While I stood nearby a dozen other people by the militia men for the same reason. Having just lost Kirov they were taking no chance on someone smuggling weapons into the hall where important party leaders stood watch over the body.

An interesting thing is that there were many individual off-duty Red Army soldiers scattered about in the ranks of the marching workmen. I remember one column, half a mile long, in which there were many hundreds of soldiers marching arm-in-arm with the workers.

## \* Soviet Policemen

While I was still in line I witnessed an illuminating incident. At one point, for some reason, there was a jam in the line near the door. There was a rearrangement of the lines in order to speed up the passing through the building. And in the process, there was

## WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

## ERROR

San Francisco, Calif.,  
April 26, 1935

Dear Comrades:

In your issue dated April 25 in the article regarding the Fort-mosa earthquake disaster, the word "Japs" appeared in the headline. Since the word "Japs" has a long history in California, and especially in the Hearst yellow peril campaign against the Japa-nese working people, it has been used to whip up race hatred against the Japanese, as do the words "Chinks" and "Niggers." However the use of the word "Japs" in this article may be a good way of exemplifying the Japanese Imperialists. But the majority of the Japanese as well as the American masses and sym-pathizers may not grasp the meaning in this sense and the results will be in helping the Hearst anti-Japanese campaign, particularly at this time.

Therefore we request that not only our papers but also within our revolutionary and sympathetic ranks the abortive term of "japs" be withdrawn from use.

Comradely yours,

Karl Hamla,

Editor of Rodo Shimbun.  
Editors Note: The use of the word "Jap" is an inexcusable error on our part. In the last minute rush to get to press, the particular headline slipped our attention. Such an error will not occur again.

## EPIC VET PROTESTS

San Francisco, Calif.,  
April 25, 1935.

Editor Western Worker:

In answer to Mike Quinn's note relative to a communication from the Epic Veterans of America published in the Western Worker under date of April 18, 1935, I wish to state at once that in this communication I am stating my own personal opinion, so there will be no question, as in Mike's note, as to whether or not he is speaking for himself, the Western Worker, the Communist Party, or all three.

I have no intention of debating the relative merits of Sinclair's philosophy and that of the Communist Party, but I know that I would prefer to go to Hell under the leadership of Upton Sinclair than live in a Heaven with Mike Quinn and his comrades.

The Epic Veterans of America have neglected themselves, individually and organizationally, in order to cooperate with other organizations that are of prime importance to the working class, and you and your comrades have rewarded them by casting reflections on their integrity, intelligence and ability.

Cordially, J.

## Answers

To Questions On Page 2:

1. An agenda is the list of points to be covered at any type of meeting. In the Communist movement the agenda is drawn up by the leading body calling the meeting, and is submitted for criticism and additions to the body at large.

2. Agit-Prop is a combined abbreviation of the words Agitation and Propaganda. Agit-Prop work consists of organization of the spreading the teachings of the Communist movement among the workers, mobilizing them for campaigns and training our Communist members for better understanding and work in the movement.

3. The Bourgeoisie is the capitalist class—bankers, large industrialists etc. The term originated as a definition of the merchants who lived in towns—the bourgeois of France—and later was applied to the rising class of capitalists.

Petty-bourgeoisie is the middle-class—small merchants, storekeepers etc. Literally the term means small (petty) capitalists.

4. Sectarianism is the term ap-

plied to the tendency to isolate the revolutionary movement from the masses of workers. It shows itself in ultrarevolutionary phrases combined with the false theory that the masses are not ready for revolutionary action. Breaking the sectarianism of the movement involves rooting ourselves in the most decisive section of the American workers, being patient in our work, and bringing each issue to the fullest measure of struggle for immediate demands and the Communist way out.

5. Opportunism shows itself in the form of sacrificing everything for the immediate situation and losing all sight of revolutionary objectives. Bernstein, one of the leaders of the Second International expressed it in the phrase "the movement is everything—the end, nothing." With this as the basis of their activity the Socialist parties justified all sorts of treachery on the ground that it would be of immediate benefit to the workers. This same opportunism shows itself in the "good business" attitude of A. F. of L. officials.

EXPLAIN himself—he was flustered, and on the whole meek.

\* Public Funeral

The great public funeral was held on the sixth. A million people, under a forest of banners, poured through the Red Square, presenting a solid front to anyone who wanted to threaten their power, and mourning for the dead leader. But I thought it significant that the crowds, though they were serious, were not at all tense. They were incensed at the murder, and felt what they had lost in Kirov. But the day is past when the death of one leader can make the Russian working class hold its breath in fear and uncertainty.

## LEGION RED-BAITERS

Los Angeles, Calif.,  
April 22, 1935.

Editor:

I am sending you a copy of a speech which an American Legion Commander made at the 54th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor. Would like to have part of this printed in the next issue.

He says he is old enough to remember when workers fought for an eight hour day—of course he meant the rank and file of the A. F. of L. But he is not old enough to admit that his Legion is used for strike-breaking and turning out gunmen and thugs when the A. F. of L. and many other labor organizations go out.

A report came from an American Legion meeting here last month, where every member was urged to turn in to Legion headquarters addresses and names of every radical minded person and every Communist.

A Subscriber.  
Editor's Note: The clipping in question was a copy of a speech by Honorable Charles R. Mabey, vice-commander of the American Legion. It was full of the usual Legion slander and was too long for us to print.

## AN INSPIRATION

San Francisco, Calif.,  
April 25, 1935.

Dear Editor:

Your column of Arthur Tarkum is deserved. Recently Mike Gold performed the same service for the Gabrielloville seller of the "Liberator" in New York City. Two such of these are an inspiration to the movement.

Tarkum is a man from whom I receive my New Masses and Western Worker and is creating quite as profound an impression on me, a sympathizer, as anything I might read in the journals mentioned. He is to be recommended to our readers.

Cordially, J.

## the Latest Lies From the Capitalist Press

BY COOLEY

Sing a song of applesauce.  
And bellies full of sin;  
If I don't write a lie a day,  
The boss thinks it's a sin.

—Hearst Reporter's Mother Goose

The San Bernardino Sun must get its antiworking class lies from a Hearst copy book, if one is to judge by its report of an unemployed mass meeting in its issue of April 14. Under the head, "ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT RELIEF PLANS" it states: "Hearst attacks were made against President Roosevelt's relief program, etc. . . . Speakers also indignantly denounced Hitler, Huey Long, . . . etc. . . . and capitalism. Approximately 600 attended the meeting, but the attendance had dwindled by one-half at the end."

That's the old-fashioned, straight-from-the-shoulder way of lying, that's almost gone out of date in these clever days of New Deal Democracy.

The facts are that by actual count there were 210 enthusiastic workers at the San Bernardino rally, many of them coming from as far as 80 miles in trucks and buses. And they not only exposed the Roosevelt program, but also they laid plans for giving mass support to State Assembly Bill 791, the Worker's Unemployed and Social Insurance Bill. Nobody "dwindled out," except the Sun reporter.

It's remarkable how a capitalist newspaper never stops lying, not even when it's printing the truth. The San Francisco Call-Bulletin, Chronicle, Examiner, News, the Oakland Tribune, . . . etc. . . . you name them.

They tell us the Legislature wants Mooney and Billings freed, under the head, "RELEASE OF MOONEY ASKED BY ASSEMBLY" one paper says as this: "The Assembly went on record today as urging Gov. Merriam to commute the sentences of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings."

That's what all the papers say and it's true and still they're a pack of liars.

The papers lie when the fail to say that "commuting" the sentences does NOT mean they would be granted their freedom as innocent men, who had been imprisoned by a well-planned "miscarriage of justice." Mooney has fought steadfastly for a free pardon these 19 years. And he does not want to come back into the world as a legally convicted felon whose sentence has been shortened because the Legislature persuaded the Governor to be a good guy and loosen up a bit.

## Strikers Gathering Dispersed By Police

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 29.—2000 strikers were driven away by police from Hudson Bay Co's department store, and later meetings of the strikers broken up as police virtually declared martial law throughout the city. The strikers walked out of the labor camps April 4th in protest against unsatisfactory and unfair camp conditions.

## I. W. O. To Hold Annual Convention

NEW YORK, April 29.—The opening of the third biennial convention of the International Workers' Order will be marked by a mass celebration of the organization's fifth anniversary in Madison Square Garden on Sunday, May 5.

The Madison Square Garden meeting will be addressed by Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, and Max Becht, general secretary of the Order.

More than 1,100 delegates from some 250 cities, representing a total membership of some 75,000 are expected to attend the convention. Business sessions, following the mass celebration on May 5, will occupy the entire week from May 6 to May 12.

## Italian Blackshirts Sail For Ethiopia

ROME, April 29.—A wave of blackshirt volunteers, who have been gathered in the last few weeks, has begun sailing for Africa to aid in the conquest of Ethiopia, 14,000 men, in five divisions, are to start at once.